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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : E. Howard Hunt - Utilization by Central Cover Staff

1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for your approval; this recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. Mr. E. Howard Hunt has been employed by Robert R. Mullen & Company since his 30 April 1970 retirement from the Agency and CCS understands that Mr. Hunt is going to succeed Mr. Mullen as principal officer of the company. Mr. Hunt contacted CCS on 7 July 1970 to report his belief that the company could provide cover as a result of its connections with the [redacted] In discussions of this matter with Mr. Mullen and Mr. Hunt, it developed that Mr. Mullen, who as a long time friend of Mr. Hunt, was cognizant of his Agency background, had informed Mr. Hunt of the existing cover arrangement without authorization from CCS. (b)(1) (b)(3)

3. CCS in anticipation of the need of briefing Mr. Hunt had requested an extension of his existing clearance on 5 June 1970. The Office of Security has advised CCS that its reinvestigation of Mr. Hunt has been completed, but it believes that you have an interest in Mr. Hunt and is unwilling to grant a clearance to CCS without being assured that you do not have an overriding interest or objection.

4. Inasmuch as Mr. Hunt is already witting of the current cover arrangement with the company which he reportedly will soon head and because the use of the company in other locations where it has cover potential would require his

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knowledge and assistance, CCS requests that you approve the issuance by the Office of Security of a clearance on Mr. Hunt to the Central Cover Staff.

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Chief, Central Cover Staff

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved. *

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Thomas H. Karamessines
Deputy Director for Plans

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*Please keep the DDP posted.

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